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REPORT

TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED PREPARED 24 October 1955

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REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - sketch on dittoREMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. There was intensive air activity by jet bombers at Werneuchen airfield between 0930 and 1230 on 17 August, and between 0930 and 1800 on 24 August 1955. 1 25X1
 2. On 17 and 31 August, trucks and ambulance were observed at the field. 25X1
 3. During the period 31 August - 6 September, except on 4 September, when no observations were made, parachute jumps were made daily over Strausberg airfield. The practices began at about 0800, and continued almost without interruptions until 1600. From the distance of observation the parachutists could not be seen landing. 25X1
 4. On 2 September, the total aircraft strength at Werneuchen airfield was estimated at 35 IL-28s and UIL-28s, which were parked on the dispersal areas. 10 aircraft parked in the southwestern corner. Between 1500 and 1530, 5 approach flights were made by a biplane, from which 1 parachutist jumped each time. Truck with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was parked at the field. 1 25X1 25X1
 5. On 2 September, a two-mast radio installation and a single-mast radio installation were observed at the southern edge of Hirschfelde. 2
 6. At 1500 on 2 September, about 20 railroad tank cars were seen on the spur track to the southern fuel dump. 25X1
 7. At about 1030 on 2 September, a train consisting of the following cars was observed on Werneuchen railroad station: 6 boxcars occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia, and a number of flatcars loaded with 12 AA guns with barrels 4 to 4.5 meters long, bulb-shaped muzzle brake, slightly rounded gun shield under the barrel, equilibration both above and below, about 100-mm, 1 canvas-covered set, presumably ballistic director, 1 single-axle van-like trailer, presumably generator, and about 20 trucks. 25X1
- A diesel locomotive towed half of the train out of the railroad station

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11. The following air activity was observed in the Bernau area on 27 and 29 September 1955:

27 September. At about 0930, 21 twin-jet aircraft crossed over Bernau from east to west at an altitude of about 4,000 meters. The aircraft flew in squadron wedge formations of 7, with a distance of about 2 aircraft lengths between the individual formations. The distance between the individual aircraft of a formation was considerably smaller. From the sound of the engines, it was inferred that the aircraft were loaded. At about 1000, another formation of 28 twin-jet aircraft also in squadron wedge formations was seen flying in the same direction. The aircraft individually took off from Werneuchen airfield and assembled in formation beyond the range of visibility. The return of the aircraft was not observed, but was presumably made from another direction. At about 1230, 30 individual take-offs were made from Werneuchen airfield. The aircraft reached the Bernau air space without assembling in formation. Their return was not observed either.

29 September. At about 1030, about 28 twin-jet aircraft took off individually from the field. At about 1100, a formation of 28 twin-jet aircraft crossed over Bernau heading west. Between 1215 and 1230, 7 twin-jet aircraft were observed four times flying from west to east. From the sound of engines it was inferred that the aircraft were not loaded. ¹

1. Comment. Werneuchen airfield is occupied by two bomber regiments equipped with a total of about 50 Il-28s and Uil-28s. The regiments were involved in air force exercises.

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2. Comment. For sketch of two-mast radio installation, see Annex.

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3. Comment. The shipment carried the 85-mm AA unit which is stationed at Werneuchen airfield. The AA gun emplacements were unoccupied after 11 August 1955.

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4. Comment. Commissary of Captain Voichenko supplies Finow and Neuruppin military posts, Commissary Krushilnitski supplies Werneuchen and Briesen.

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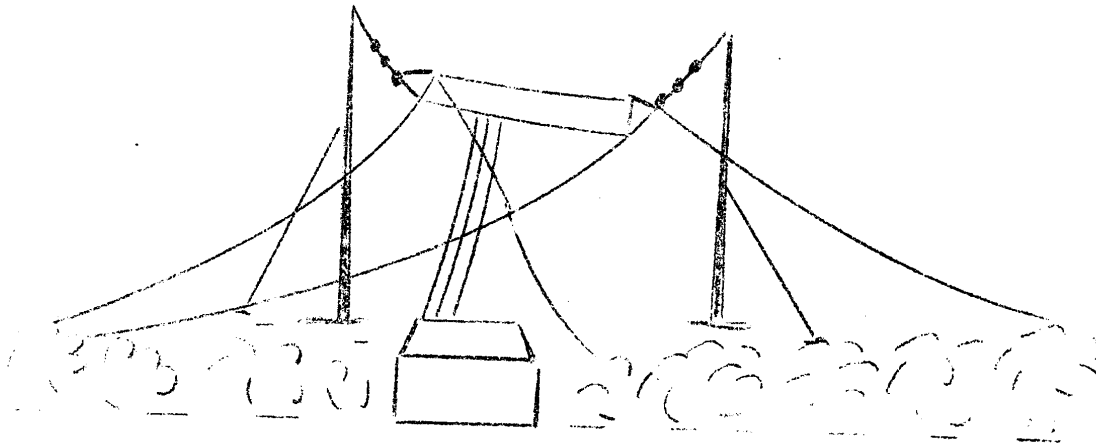
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Annex

Two-Mast Radio Installation Observed at
Werneuchen Airfield

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Legend:

Two wooden masts, each about 15 meters high and about 10 meters apart. Each mast braced by one guy wire. Radio cabin between masts located slightly off-center to the northeast.

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